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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: TERRORISTS ATTACK AND HIJACK

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M. LOCAL TODAY 2 OR 3 ARAB
TERRORISTS ARRIVED AT FIUMICINO AIRPORT ON AS YET UNKNOWN FLIGHT.
THEY APPROACHED THE CUSTOMS AREA AND BEGAN SHOOTING. ONE
ITALIAN POLICEMAN WAS KILLED AND SEVERAL OTHERS WOUNDED.

2. THE TERRORISTS TOOK A NUMBER OF HOSTAGES (PERHAPS 8 AND
AS FAR AS WE KNOW ALL ITALIANS), PROCEEDED DOWN THE RAMP TO
PANAM 707 FLIGHT 110 DESTINED TO BEIRUT WHERE THEY THREW 2
OR 3 HAND GRENADES. THE AIRCRAFT WENT INTO FLAMES. ONE
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AMERICAN REPORTED DEAD AND 8 OR 9 ARE ON THEIR WAY TO GENERAL

HOSPITAL. CONGEN HUSSMAN IS ON HER WAY TO HOSPITAL AND WILL
LET US KNOW NAMES AND DETAILS AS SOON AS INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

3. AFTER THE ATTACK ON PANAM AIRCRAFT THE TERRORISTS TOOK
THEIR HOSTAG ES AND BOARDED A LUFTHANSA AIRCRAFT WHICH THEN
TOOK OFF HEADED, ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, TO BEIRUT.
LATEST INFO INDICATES THERE MAY BE AS MANY AS 15 RPT 15 CHARRED
BODIES ON AIRCRAFT.VOLPE

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